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1. CEAUSESCU'S REMARKS ON MAY 28 AT DUAL CELEBRATION OF MICHAEL THE BRAVE'S FIRST UNIFICATION OF ROMANIA (IN 1600) AND 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF ALBA IULIA ADDED TO THIS SPRING'S TONE OF ROMANIAN HISTORICAL-NATIONALIST ASSERTIVENESS.
2. CEAUSESCU AGAIN ATTACKED "CERTAIN HISTORIANS" (REFTELS), THIS TIME FOR "EXTOLLING IMPERIALIST DOMINATION AND INVASION OF PEOPLES" AND "INSULTING ROMANIAN PEOPLE" THROUGH CLAIMS
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THAT MICHAEL THE BRAVE ALLEGEDLY USED "POLICY OF CONQUEST"

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(NOT, AS CEAUSESCU SAW IT, A "REGULAR, OBJECTIVE HISTORICAL PROCESS" OF BEATING OFF "EXPANSIONIST EMPIRES") IN ACHIEVING FIRST UNITY OF THREE FEUDAL PRINCIPALITIES WHICH MAKE UP PRESENT-DAY ROMANIA. IN EFFECT DEFENDING ROMANIAN'S CLAIM TO TRANSYLVANIA, HE EVOKED DAPSBN-ROMAN ORIGINS OF ALBA IULIA (WHICH HUNGARIANS KNOW AS HISTORIC CATHOLIC-MAGYAR CENTER), CITED OBSCURE ROMANIAN PRE-MAGYAR FEUDAL CHIEFS, AND CAST "LESS-DEVELOPED MIGRATORY PEOPLES" (I.E. SLAVS AND MAGYARS?) AS LATERCOMERS TO EUROPE
WHO HAHOERED BUT DID NOT
RUPTURE POST-ROMAN CIVILIZATIONS. CEAUSESCU'S LIVE RADIO SPEECH WAS, ON A FEW POINTS, EVENRHARPER THAN PRINTED VERSION (SCINTEIA, MAY 29), E.G. ON ROMANIA'S HOLD ON PRE-MICHAEL MOLDAVIA. HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO "RESPECT HISTORICAL TRUTH AND SOCIAL REALITIES", CEAUSESCU STRESSED COOPERATION WITH LOCAL MAGYARS AND GERMANS AGAINST "FOREIGN INVADERS" AND ARGUED THAT "POWERFQU CENTRALIZED (ROMANIAN) STATE" WAS IN HEIR BEST INTERESTS AS WELL.

-/ COMMENT: THE "CERTAIN HISTORIANS", IN THIS CASE ARE ALMOST CERTAINLY IN HUNGARY AND THE USSR. POLISH DCM, HOWEVER, WHILE CTQ
QIRMING ABOVE, SAID POLES HAD ALSO HAD "SOME TROUBLES" WITH ROMANINS IN PRESS SPHERE OVER PROPER ATTITUDE TOWARD MICHAEL THE BRAVE -- THE POLES BACK HUNGARIANS ON THIS ONE. SOURCE HAD HEARD THAT HUNGARIANS HAD "BZNX PREPARING SOMETHING" TO WHICH CEELSESCU'S IRE MIGHT HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED, BUT HE DID NOT KNOW IF IT HAD BEEN PUBLISHED.

4. CEAUSESCU HAS REGULARLY CHOSEN FORUMS IN TRANSYLVANIA TO PUBLICIZE ROMANIAN ROOTS THERE AND TO UNDERSCORE ROMANIAN NATIONAL UNITY.?' HOWEVER, HIS LATEST OPEN SLAP AT "CERTAIN HISTORIANS" (ABOVE) APPEARS TO AGAIN BETRAY SENSITIVITY TOWARD THOSE IN USSR AND CLIENT STATES PURVEYING A HISTORICAL LINE UNCONGENIAL TO ROMANIA'S OWN NATIONAL SLANT.
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